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ROUTE 116 BRIDGE IN BENTON TO BE CLOSED FOR RECONSTRUCTION
DETOUR REQUIRED AT BRIDGE OVER WHITCHER BROOK

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the bridge over Whitcher Brook in Benton will be closed to traffic for up to eight weeks, beginning Tuesday, July 1, 2003.

The NHDOT had anticipated maintaining traffic on one half of the existing bridge with traffic signals. But when the bridge rehabilitation work started, previously unknown conditions were discovered in the existing bridge structure. The necessary complete closure should shorten the time required for constructing the new bridge.

A detour will be implemented and signed prior to the bridge closure. Traffic will be detoured via NH Routes 112 and 10.

J & M Donahue, Inc. of Lincoln, New Hampshire is the general contractor for the \$585,000 project, which has a final completion date of September 2003.

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